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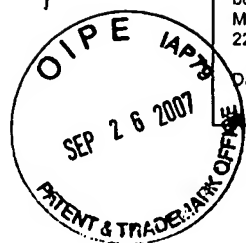
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

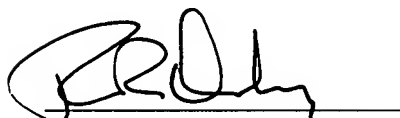
Applicants thank Examiner Avery for the telephonic interview of July 3, 2007. Ronald R. Demsher represented Applicant in the interview.

In the interview, Examiner Avery and Ronald Demsher discussed the rejections of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,070,034 (Swenson). In particular, Examiner Avery and Mr. Demsher discussed components of the invention taught by Swenson, with respect to claims 19 and 20. Mr. Demsher explained that Swenson at least does not teach or suggest the limitation of "... the tongue component, the first surface and the second surface cooperate to allow motion of the lateral release assembly to occur only in the longitudinal and horizontal plane of the ski." The Examiner agreed with this explanation.

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